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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

PUBLIC INFORMATION COLLECTIONS APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection(s) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number, and no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection contact Leslie Haney, Leslie.Haney@fcc.gov, (202) 418-1002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCC obtained approval of this revision to the previously approved information collection to establish a voluntary electronic method of complying with the reporting that EAS participants must complete as part of their participation in the national EAS test.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0207.

OMB Approval Date: 10/14/2011.

Effective Date: 10/17/2011.

OMB Expiration Date: 04/30/2012.

Title: Part 11 - Emergency Alert System (EAS).

Form No.: Not applicable.

Estimated Annual Burden: 82,008 hours.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 154(i) and 606.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission will treat submissions pursuant to 47 CFR 11.61(a)(3) as confidential.

Needs and Uses: On March 10, 2010, OMB authorized the collection of information set forth in the Second FNPRM in EB Docket No. 04-296, FCC 09-10. Specifically, OMB authorized the Commission to require entities required to participate in EAS (EAS Participants) to gather and submit the following ***52663** information on the operation of their EAS equipment during a national test of the EAS: (1) Whether they received the alert message during the designated test; (2) whether they retransmitted the alert; and (3) if they were not able to receive and/or transmit the alert, their ‘best effort’ diagnostic analysis regarding the cause or causes for such failure. OMB also authorized the Commission to require EAS Participants to provide it with the date/time of receipt of the EAN message by all stations; and the date/time of receipt of the EAT message by all stations; a description of their station identification and level of designation (PEP, LP-1, etc.); who they were monitoring at the time of the test, and the make and model number of the EAS equipment that they utilized.

In the Third Report and Order in EB Docket No. 04-296, FCC 09-10, the Commission adopted the foregoing rule requirements. In addition, the Commission decided that test data will be presumed confidential and disclosure of test data will be limited to FEMA, NWS and EOP at the federal level. At the State level, test data will be made available

only to State government emergency management agencies that have confidential treatment protections at least equal to FOIA. The process by which these agencies would receive test data will comport with those used to provide access to the Commission's NORS and DIRS data. We seek comment on this revision of the approved collection.

In the Third Report and Order, the Commission also indicated that it would establish a voluntary electronic reporting system that EAS test participants may use as part of their participation in the national EAS test. The Commission noted that using this system, EAS test participants could input the same information that they were already required to file manually via a web-based interface into a confidential database that the Commission would use to monitor and assess the test. This information would include identifying information such as station call letters, license identification number, geographic coordinates, EAS assignment (LP, NP, etc), EAS monitoring assignment, as well as a 24/7 emergency contact for the EAS Participant. The only difference, other than the electronic nature of the filing, would be the timing of the collection. On the day of the test, EAS Test participants would be able to input immediate test results, (e.g., was the EAN received and did it pass) into a web-based interface. Test participants would submit the identifying data prior to the test date, and the remaining data called for by our reporting rules (e.g. the detailed test results) within the 45 day period. The Commission believes that structuring an electronic reporting system in this fashion would allow the

participants to populate the database with known information well prior to the test, and thus be able to provide the Commission with actual test data, both close to real-time and within a reasonable period in a minimally burdensome fashion.

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